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Athletics Still Have Chance, In Opinion of Mack

Lean Leader of World's Champions Declines to Give Up Hope. By W. J. O'CONNOR.

The lean tactician of the world's champions is almost as talkative as ever-he answers your question by asking another-and, when cornered after Sunday's game and asked what he thought of the A. L. scramble, he naively replied:

"It's a good one this year, isn't it?" "But who'll win?" demanded the in-"Say, don't you think it's foolish to pick baseball winners?" was Connie's

pick baseball winners was connections of the comprehent we reply.
"How about the Nationals?"
"Aren't they good?" quoth Connie.
"Do you figure the Athletics still have a chance?"
That stung bim. Connie for a second almost lost his temper, belance and

"Of course we have a chance. We have a good one. You know we will keep fighting and have 55 more games to play, and lots of things may happen before the schedule is layed out. A pennant race is over when the flag is securely stored away in one club's strong box, and not until then.

"We are not out of the race; don't you think it. Don't you count us out, just yet. The season is not over by any means. Just tell Stahl and Griffith they must not slip if they intend to win the championship. For if either of them does slip, look out for us. We're too slick around the top, and, well, the season is not over."

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Yes, Connie has a heap of confidence.
He also has a lot of worry. Right now
the famed builder of champions, the

weights. Ad Wolgast is on the shelf for several months, and there will be

nothing doing in that class until the little Dutchman is back in the harness again. The middleweights are a joke, as are the welters. There is some

chance with the bantams, but the lime-

light is shining on the feathers. Since

Jack Johnson has "retired" the heavyweight class is not to be considered. Johnny Kilbane will never be a popplar champion from the fact that he cannot hit, and shows an inclination to sidestep several good boys who are after his scalp. Attell will be in the running if he proves that he is

anything like his old-time self,, but that cannot be determined until he meets some of these fast feather-

weights.
Fighting lightweights will hardly

give the sports a line on Abe. There are several boys who look pretty good, and Harry Thomas looks like the best

and Harry Thomas looks like the best of the lot to hock up with Johnny Kilbane. The showing Johnny made with Jimmy Waish shortly after he wen the title did not boost his stock very much. Walsh gave him the time of his life while the bout insted, and Jimmy has been in the game a long time and it was a long time since he tought. Jem Driscoll, the English champion showed a lot of his old time form when he cleaned the French champion several weeks ago in a cleancut style, by a knockout. This boy priscoll will bear watching and intends to come over to this country shortly to try his hand again.

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If Attelf makes good in the feather-weight class it is up to Johany Kilbane to give him a return match, and if Abe makes good in anything like his old-time form, there will be a let more of that sidestepping from him. Harry Thomas has shown the best form since Attell was defeated, not barring Johany Kilbane. Harry is a cleaner hitter than Kilbane and a harder one; but Jimmy may have a little on him in speed. Johany, however, is about the lightest bitter we ever had in that class. His style of

Gossip and Speculation On

the Leaders In the Prize Ring

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The Mackmen, on what was shown Sunday after they had just finished a long ride from Cleveland, have lost their fangs. There's no sting to their attack—not enough venom to poison a purchase of the convergence.

That solid inner defense still is on the Job. Mclinhis, Collins, Barry and Baker are playing as well as they ever did, but the outfield is shy and so is the pitching staff, Of course, Mack still has a club built with championship timber, but the team lacks the punch that it had last season when Danny Murphy was cavorting in the outfield and John Coombs and Chief Bender were pitchinf airtight ball. There are too many weak spots, it seems, for the club to come on and crush such pposition as the Nationals and Red Sox sure will put up. Third place looks like the proper spot for Mack's entry this season.

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Anticipated Slump of Red Sox Long Deferred

Boston Leaders Booming Along In Fine Style-Athletics and Senators Must By DAMON RUNYON.

HE dope lookouts in the crosstrees of the American league report a sail low down on the borizon of the month of August, which
they are inclined to believe tops the
bad boat "slump," long overdue in the
harbor of the Boston Red Sox. It is
not yet visible to the naked eye, but
the sentries posted among the figures
claim they can see it plainly with their
glasses. Their tale brings joy to that
honest merchantman, Connie Mack,
whose frail craft of hope is limping
along the western seas. The bold pirate of the Potomac, Clark Griffith,
is vastly cheered.

If the next month proves the word
from the watchers at the forepeak another faise alarm, Mack and Griff will
back into the dry dock for repairs.

T THE present there is no interest whatever in any class of fighters except the feather-this. Ad Wolgast is on the shelf several months, and there will be like a middleweight. George Dixon

I was one of the best hitters ever in
that class, and he had the cleverness
to back it up as well. Solly Smith,
Johnny Van Heast and many others
in the featherweight class were good
hitters, and made good.

It has been the same with all the
champions of all classes. They were
all punchers. The lightweight class
had such men as Jack Meauliff,
Jimmy Carroll, Joe Gans, Frank
Erne, George Lavigne, Bat Nelson and
Ad Wolgast, all good hitters.

Perhaps the lightest hitter of that
class that won a title was Jimmy Britt,
but Jimmy won a few by knockouts
at that.

The welterweight class, which, by
the way, years ago was one of the
best, had some of the hardest and
cleanest hitters of all. Danny Needham, Tommy Tracy, Joe Wolcott,
George Dawson, Billy Gallagher.
George Green and others it would take
too much soace to mention, could

from the watchers at the forepeak anfrom the watchers at the forepeak another faisc alarm, Mack and Griff will
back into the dry dock for repairs.
They have been waiting the coming
of the expected canoe for a long time,
but each cry from out in front has
turned out to be bogus up to date.
So long as his pitchers hold out to
twirl, Jake Stahl has nothing much to
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Red Sox Pitchers Wenkening. knock a man clean out with a single

Red Sox Pitchers Weakening.

We hear vague rumors of a perceptible slump among the Red Sox heavers. It is said that the young gunners are commencing to bog down a bit under the drive, although "Smoky Joe" Wood appears to be carrying his head high, and running hube Marquard all out of breath for the twirling championship.

The Athletic marksmen are cheering up to some extent. Jone Kennebunk Cooms, and A. Chippewa Bender, veterans of all the wars, have displayed their olditime class on recent outs, but livey may have lingered too long in the lap of mediocrity.

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The middleweights had Tommy Ryan Mike Lucy, George La Blanch. Brooklyn Jimmy Carroll, Australian Billy Smith, Jack Dempsy and Bob Pitzsimmons. Where have we had any better hitters? Most of these fellows were champions in their day, or so near it that they were counted with the title holders as a class.

The heavyweights are our old friend, John L. Sullivan; Jim Corbett. Bob Fitzsimmons, Jim Jeffries and Johnson. Perhaps the lightest hitter of the bunch was Corbett, but be won several of his fights by a clean

That the American league race will furnish a spectacular finish is very probable as the ball playing in that icague has improved all along the line, and weak clubs like the Yankees may have an important part in the proceedings. The question is whether the Sox did not grab enough nourishment early in the race to stare off the closing rushes. That they have fallen off in their game to some extent is patent—but have they fallen far enough?

The dope gets a terrible trimming when you compare it with the standing of the clubs, which is the ultimate answer. Detroit ranks third from almost any angle of the figures, and fifth in the place where it counts most: Cleveland has a group of demon singgers, and three pitchers among the first 17 so far as near averages go, yet the Naps are not in the race. So it goes.

They must be nitters if they expect to draw any money as champions. The men of this bunch that had the cleverness with the punch were George Dixon, Jack McAuilff, Jimpoy Carroll, Joe Gans, Frank Erne, Danny Needham, George Dawson, Billy Gallagher, Tommy Tracy, Joe Wolcott, George Green, Tommy Ryan, Mike Lucy, Jack Dempsey, Bob Fitzsimmons, Jim Corhett, Jim Jeffries and Jack Jehnson, all of whom can be cossed as very clever boxers as well as good hitters.

In going over the list of all the In going over the list of all the fighters in the country today it would be impossible to name half as many ever had in that class. His style of fighting will hardly do for a champion. It is today as it has ever been: a champion must be a good hitter or he will be a poor drawing card at the box office.

Billy Murphy, the little Australian champion featherweight, could hit

Murphy's 300 Hitter.

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Athletics, but Maggert Strunk and Rube Oldring all have better mirks than Duffy Lewis or Harry Hooper, and even Bris Lord has a very alight markin on Hooper. Jack Lapp gives the Mack crowd greater hitting strength than Carrisan does the Sox, while Wagner has only about four points in pounding on Jack Barry.

Boston is a great distance hitting club, leading the American league in extra base smassles, but here again the Athletics are close up. The Bostonians are the greatest twobase hitters in either league, having made 173 blows of that variety against 123 for the Athletics, and they lead the American league in home runs, with 20. The Athletics have 15. The eincut clout is not as frequent in the American this year as in the National, where the Givent now have 34 homers and four Climbs now have

is not as frequent in the American this year as in the National, where the Giants now have 31 homers, and four other clubs have made more than the Eoston record.

The Athletics lead the American league, and all clubs in the majors outside of Pittsburg, in threebaggers, with a total of 68, they have hit for a grand total of 308 extra bases, against Boston's 243, which mark is exceeded in the big leagues by Pittsburg and equaled by the Chicago Cubs.

Senators Have Good Chauce.

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Senators Have Good Chance.
On club figures Washington doesn't make much of a showing, yet it must be conceded that Washington still has a strong chance. It is hitting 258, ranking sixth among the American league clubs, and it stands fifth in fielding. It has hit for 130 extra bases, and it must be remembered that it carries three regulars hitting above 200, including one of the first 10 leading sluggers, three of the first 10 leading sluggers, three of the champion of all the base stenlers—Clyde Milan.

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The Latest Figures.

The latest figure bulletin shows that the Athletics now lead the Boston Red Sox in club batting, with a mark of 2.52, against 278. Conniès crew have the Stalil delegation fied in club fielding, and have stolen 152 bases against the Sox's 117.

Considering the individual aspect of the situation, Stahl has the best run getter in the league in Speaker, but

By "A. Fan"

HEY never come back." We have the antediluvian "saw" served with new dressing every day of the world Vaguely we wender way it should be that one conspicuous slip should neam a slip forever; but we never presume to doubt it. And every party we learn of trying to come back we say: "Another poor fool!" and give him a mental kick in the face, just to be sure that he can't possibly blight our expectations.

But if you'll get off your own foot, turn around and examine the past you'll find it full of "come backs." From Napoloon to "Chick" Gandil there is a wide enough range of them to convince Doubting Thomas himself.

The reason we are accustomed to think they don't come back is because we expect too much of the returning ones. Besides, we poor ones looking up at the climbers from beneath, can't really tell to what altitude they have risen. For a man to come back, in the cress of the world today, the following scale murt be observed.

If you were a second rate scrapper before you fell, to coats back you will have to beat the champion.

If you could do 10 1-5s for the hundred yards, in your prime, nothing but 9 4-5s will convince the public of your return.

Apparently none believes this a

Apparently none believes this a genuine comeback. In the eyes of the fight world, Abe was expected to go out of his class and knock out an aspirant to the lightweight fight title. That he more than earned a draw with a man 10 pounds heavier seems nothing at all to his critics.

Abe evidently is in good shape again as he had his old eleverners and speed. He made a show of Murphy in a majority of rounds. Why a knockout of liarient Tommy could have been expected is hard to see. For Abe's knocketut record, since 1391, has been very meager. Since he put away poor downandout Frankie Nell, in 1393, Abe has not knocked out a fighter of even second class among the little men. A few thirdraters, like Eddie Kelly, Frankie White and that sort, are all that have succumbed to his punch.

Against men of merit Abe has boxed; and that, too, has always been his game when meeting men of his superior weight. It was inevitably the way for him to fight Murphy and that he came out well indicates he has at least approximated a "comeback."

Let's be reasonable about "comebacks." It's a lot more meritorious to "return" an inch over lost ground than it is to continue going forward, never having slipped.

WANTS A MATCH FOR KID

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STANLEY: NOBODY BARRED
Gallup, N. M., Aug. 5, 1912.
Editor El Paso Herald:
I take the liberty of addressing these
few lines to you' a hopes of securing
a match for my man, Stanley (Kid)
Yoakum, who bars no man in the
world and will fight Bobby Waugh,
winner take all, if Waugh will make
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us, Respectfully yours,
Jack Hanley.

SOUTHWESTERN TEAM TO GO
TO TUCLMCARI FOR GAME
Manager Dornhecker, of the Southwestern baseball team, will pilot his
team to Tucumcari Saturday afternoon,
where he will play the Tucumcari nine
Sunday afternoon. The team will return to El Paso Monday morning, Manager Dornhecker says he is confident that his team will bring home the
bacon.

SOUTHWESTERN TEAM
WILL PLAY TUCUMCARI
Members of the Southwestern ball
team will leave Ell Poso Saturday night
for Tucumcari, where they will play a
game against the Tucumcari team on
Sunday.

As To "Come Backs" Cy Tells Funniest Thing He Ever Saw In Baseball

agine why the incident I relate still impresses me as the most humorous unless it is because it happened the first year I was with Cleveland, when everything was new to me.

At any rate, I though it great then, and I still laugh whenever I think of it.

When I joined Cleveland (never

When I joined Cleveland (never-mind how long ago) the Pittsburg team picked up a catcher named Ber-

The Former Major League
Pitcher Pulled Joke
On Berger.

BY CY YOUNG.

Thave seen many funny things in baseball in my time, and cannot imagine why the incident I relate still

Pittsburg, and looked good enough to stick.

Among his possessions Berger had a watch of, which he was very proud, and every afternoon, when the team was on the road, he would deposit it in the hotel safe when leaving for the ball grounds.

One day the players talked the landlord out of the watch, and, taking it to a jeweler, had him transfer the works to a fine looking, but cheap case.

When Berger went to but that afternoon, the umpire stopped play, while
the members of the Cleveland and
Pittsburg feams gathered around the
plate and witnessed the presentation
"I don't recollect the provocation
for the gift. I don't believe there was
any. But Berger fell for it, anyhow,
and he was the happiest man on earth
throughout the ware.

mind how long ago) the Pittsburg and he was the happiest man on earth throughout the game.

Berger was a fine fellow, always willing to participate in a joke on someone else, and accepted jokes played upon himself in the best of spirits. He had been going along fairly well, but not brilliantly, for

A Little Sport; A Little Gossip

'Shelt" Saturday afternoon at the park. Mason, one time pitcher in the Cactus

speed bus. Undismayed by the trouble Jack Johnson and other speed manines have met with as a result of their wift riding, Coulon, while visiting some friends in East Liverpool, decided to take a little spin around town. The cops who were on the lookout for joy riders spied the car containing the Coulon party coming toward them at a high rate of speed. The car was stopped and Coulon was taken to the police station, where the little chamstopped and Coulon was taken to the police station, where the little champion put up \$25 cash for his appearance before the mayor next morning to answer to the charge of exceeding the speed limit. Coulon was let off with a mild reprimand. The champion is now taking a layoff at his summer bungalow somewhere in the wilds of Wisconsin.

As a result of knocking the ball over the park fence while two men were on hases, bringing in three runs and win-ning the game. Crichlo, Waco's left fielder in the Texas league, was pre-sented with \$25 cash which was col-lected in the grandstand. In addition to this Liz, as he is familiarly known, received a \$5.50 meal ticket from a Waco cafe and is entitled to all the free shares and haircuts he cares to call for at the Waco barber shops.

President Murphy, of the Chicago Cubs, offered the Philadelphia club a cool \$17,000 for southpaw Eppa Rixey, the young college recruit, who recent-

Bakers and Sheltons will bake and by subdued the Chicago Nationals with Shelt Saturday afternoon at the park, fason, one time pitcher in the Cactus of the Shelf sauc, will be in the bex for the Shelf would give \$15,000 for the boy from any extended visit.

All this is caused by the skepticism which accompanied the return from hasbeendom of Abraham Attell when the fought Tommy Murphy, a good lightweight many pounds his important the sent and, as reports said, landing three blows to one for the latest champion to dayshow the sent and, as reports said, landing three blows to one for the said of the box for the Sheltweight has a good weekend contains the university of Virginia. After the game he raised his bid to \$17,000, but after the university of Virginia. After the game he raised his bid to \$17,000, but after the university of Virginia. After the game he raised his bid to \$17,000, but after the university of Virginia. After the game he raised his bid to \$17,000, but after the university of Virginia. After the game he raised his bid to \$17,000, but after the university of Virginia. After the game he raised his bid to \$17,000, but after the university of Virginia. After the game he raised his bid to \$17,000, but after the university of Virginia. After the game he raised his bid to \$17,000, but after the university of Virginia. After the game he raised his bid to \$17,000, but after the university of Virginia. After the game he raised his bid to \$17,000, but after the university of Virginia. After the game he raised his bid to \$17,000, but after the university of Virginia. After the university of Virginia and the university of Vir

TEXAS GUARDS WILL SHOOT AT SEA GIRT

Members of Rifle Team Will Defray Own Expenses On the Trip.

Austin, Texas, Aug. 8.—It is an-nounced by adjutant general Hutchings that despite the fact that the secrethat despite the fact that the secretary of war has declined to authorize the Texas rifle team to participate in the interstate rifle matches to be held this year at Sea Girt, N. J., out of the federal appropriation for the promotion of rifle practice in the Texas National guard, will not deter Texas from being represented in the matches. The members of the Texas rifle team were selected last May, after some keen competition, and they have agreed to go without pay and defray their own expenses, with the exception of transportation, which the state of Texas will provide in this emergency.

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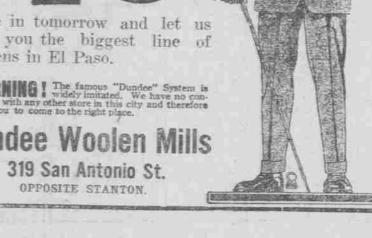




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Mike Murphy Is To Quit the Team Training Work

M much, for American athletics not be the least of the heroes return-ing on the Finland. ing on the Finland.
A report comes from a pretty re-liable source that the veteran trainer feels that the time has come for him to retire from the active training of

As everybody knows, he is far from

As everybody knows, he is far from strong, and the constant strain on his vitality has been great. It is an old story, of course, that he is to retire, but it comes this time backed by the hint that another form of activity has made its appeal to him, one that would be profitable and would not be of such a tiring order.

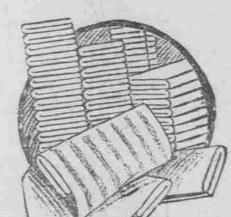
The new enterprise that is being talked of for Mike will be one that will keep him very much in the public eye should be finally decide to undertake it, and while not exactly athletics is akin to that sort of work; the university of Pennsylvania would be sorry to lose him, just as sorry as was Yale; but in the event of his departure from Philadelphia the best wishes of every Pennsylvania man would go with him. It used to be said every fali, "If you want to pick a football winner go ask Mike Murphy." He was a better prophet by far than the renowned "Hell Devil" Skillman of Princeton, who lost his yellow jacket some years ago, and with it his newcock feather. Devil' Skillman of Princeton, who lost his yellow jacket some years ago, and with it his peacock feather.

One year, for instance, riarvard went down to New Haven with a sphendid team—if memory serves it was the one captained by Charlie Daly. To most of those who had studied the two teams there seemed absolutely nothing to choose between them.

Yet on the eve of battle Murphy predicted the score to a point, and the

IKE MURPHY, who has done so much, for American athletics aret forgetting football, will be the least of the heroes returnion the Finland.

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